

ARRATIVE

The Greenbrier High School in Greenbrier, Tennessee is approximately 159,936 square feet in area. Ventilation requirements of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) were utilized in this study.

The Base Case concept for the heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system is an existing water source heat pump system utilizing a circulating water loop, natural gas-fired boiler and closed circuit cooler for heat addition and rejection and air-to-air heat pump system in the new additions. The system would be controlled by thermostats located in respective zones.

The geothermal system utilizes very similar heat pump equipment as the water source heat pump system except heat is rejected and added via heat exchangers configured vertically in the ground. Each heat exchanger is located in a vertical bore about 300 feet deep. The building interior water loop is circulated via pumps to the "borefield" located outside, underground. Each bore contains a 1-inch supply and return pipe. The extent or number of bores determines the overall capability to reject heat or absorb heat from the constant temperature ground soil. Thus, no boiler or cooler is needed for the water loop. All of the heat exchange is confined to the borefield.

The geothermal units are capable of handling water loop temperature ranges lower than the usual water source heat pumps. This feature usually allows the heat pumps to operate at cooler refrigerant temperature which allow greater mechanical efficiencies and extended equipment life. Therefore, energy and maintenance costs are significantly less than other concepts. Also, the statistical service life of this equipment is twenty years.

We selected high efficiency water source heat pumps as manufactured by Bard and Florida Heat pump manufacturing with a C.O.P. of 3.8 and EER at 17.0 for use in the geothermal system scenario. Use of lower efficiency products would drastically affect utility cost savings.

A test bore was prepared and tested at the Greenbrier High School project site to determine the actual ground temperature and thermal conductivity. The following results were found:

Thermal Conductivity	2.2 btu/hr-ft-f
Ground Temperature	62.1 Degrees F

The above values are favorable. The computed length of bores is about 76,000 feet, requiring about 253 bores, three hundred feet deep and 20 feet on centers.

The computed data for the geothermal concept indicates an annual operating cost savings of \$38,065.00 in utilities, as compared to the Base system. The comparison on a building basis is as follows:

WORK ORDER

Phone: (615) 444-0423 • Fax: (615) 444-0427

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Date 8/14/00

Job y Greenbrier High School Phone

Requested On: _____

Start Drilling _____ Complete Drilling _____

Total Depth 300 Ft. Depth to Rock 35 Ft.

Casing Set _____ Type & Size _____ Bit Type/Size _____

Total Yield _____ Water Zones _____ Quality Water _____

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